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The Honorable Peter J. Roskam
Member, United States House of
Representatives
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Dear Mr. Roskam:

This is in response to your facsimile of November 23, 2010
from Ms. (b) (6) concerning her desire to enlist in the
United States Navy.

Physical qualifications of all applicants entering all
branches of the Armed Forces are determined by medical personnel
assigned to various Military Entrance Processing Stations (MEPS)
throughout the country. These stations are under the operational
control of the Commander, Military Entrance Processing Command
and are guided by the Department of Defense Instruction (DODI)
6130.4.

A waiver of the physical standards for enlistment may be
considered and the process is initiated by the Recruiter. The
waiver process exists due to the possible exclusion of qualified
candidates for either general enlistment or specific duties in
the service, as a result of the broad criteria and categories of
the Department of Defense (DOD) standards. Categories and
criteria this broad cannot consider the details and unusual
circumstances of all medical problems that could exist. However
certain conditions are listed in the Commander, Navy Recruiting
Command Instruction (COMNAVCRUITCOMINST) 1130.8h and are not
waiverable.

After a medical prescreen at the MEPS, Ms. (b) (6) was
determined to be not physically qualified for enlistment.

For your and your constituent's information, Navy policy
states physical standards establish uniformity in conducting
physical examinations and in interpreting physical fitness of
candidates for Naval Service. The object is to select and retain
personnel who are physically fit and temperamentally adaptable to
the conditions of military life. Standards preclude from
acceptance those individuals with contagious or infectious
disease who would be likely to endanger the health of other

personnel; those who are likely to require repeated admissions to the sick list, prolonged hospitalization, or invaliding from service; and those who present any condition that would be likely to form the basis of a claim for physical retirement benefits. The standards, therefore, are intended to define a degree of physical fitness in applicants that best meets the Navy's needs and yet incur an acceptable minimum of risk of liability in regard to health hazards, repeated or prolonged medical care or hospitalization, assignment problems, and eventual pension or retirement benefits.

The Navy recognizes that the services of highly motivated applicants are lost due to physically disqualifying conditions. However, adherence to the established physical standards serves to protect the interests of the individual as well as the Navy. Due to the nature of military life, physical conditions which may not be serious in a civilian environment could be disabling to a service member. To authorize Ms. (b) (6) enlistment in the Navy would expose her to increased risk or injury.

Thank you for bringing your constituent's concerns to our attention and for Ms. (b) (6) interest in pursuing enlistment in the Navy.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

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